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## **AAAS Statement on White House's Budget Proposal for FY 2020**

“The federal government provides necessary investments that enable scientific discovery and lead to innovation and economic development. If enacted, the Trump administration’s proposed cuts to the fiscal year 2020 non-defense discretionary budget would derail our nation’s science enterprise. The White House issued a fact sheet last month on how the U.S. can dominate industries of the future, stating: ‘We must leverage the strength of our uniquely American R&D ecosystem, consisting of the Federal Government, private industry, colleges and universities, research institutions, and science philanthropies, to ensure American leadership in these industries.’ In order for the United States to remain a world leader in science and technology research and innovation, the budget should match the rhetoric. We urge Congress to act in the public’s best interest and fund critical investments in research.”

— Rush Holt, chief executive officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

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